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SNOOP LION

Snoop Lion Tops Reggae Charts

News Americas:

Popularity sometimes trumps talent at least when it comes to the reggae Billboard charts. Snoop Lion's, formerly Snoop Dogg, version of reggae may not sound like reggae to many diehard fans of the genre, but he's definitely on top of the Billboard Charts.

His song 'No Guns Allowed,' featuring rapper Drake off his album "Reincarnated." debuted at number one four weeks ago and is holding on to the spot.

"No Guns Allowed" took the number one spot from an all white group of singers who have been dominating the charts for weeks, including Rebelution and Matisyahu.

Snoop has also insisted he's truly a transformed Rasta and only has loving energy for all his critics, including Bunny Wailer who recently questioned whether it was all hype for Snoop. "To me, it's a test, to see if I'm really made for this," Snoop recently told Rolling Stone magazine.

Cops Target African Americans

By Street Hype Reporter

Some 92 percent of Bronx residents stopped by New York City Police Department's stop-and-frisk policy in 2012 were African-Americans and Latinos.

According to Public Advocate Bill de Blasio in a report published last week to defend the case for new legislation barring racial profiling by law enforcement, the NYPD's stop-and-frisk tactics show a pattern of profiling not only in the frequency with which minorities are stopped—but in the quality of those stops as well.

The Public Advocate's analysis of NYPD's 2012 stop-and-frisk data for the Bronx found:

• From a total of 102,139, more than 92 % of those stopped in the borough were African-American or Latino residents.

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Editorial

No to racial profiling and discrimination

More than four years after Americans elected the first African American president, we were of the opinion that racial profiling and discrimination against minorities would be significantly curtailed.

We were wrong. At all levels of governance including--City, State and Federal –the regulatory officers including cops and judges continue to display their racist behaviors against African Americans.

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio last week reported that 92 percent of Bronx residents stopped in 2012 by police in the "stop-and-frisk" program were African-Americans and Latinos. Blacks make up 3.5million or 20% of the 18 million New York City Metropolitan residents.

While some criminals are caught in this process, reports revealed the majority of Blacks stopped were clean and without criminal records. This is therefore an obvious case of racial profiling and discrimination which our Mayor, City Council and other political representatives have failed to address.

Recently, the manslaughter charges against police officer, Richard Haste who shot and killed unharmed black teenager, Ramarley Graham in front of his grandmother and six year old brother last February was dismissed by Bronx Supreme Court Justice, Steven Barret on a legal technicality.

The community including Ramarley's family and friends are outraged by the result and have condemned the judge's decision and are now calling for justice for Ramarley. We believe in the adage, "Justice delay is justice denied."

Several African American-owned and operated Bronx night club owners are being targeted by police and other city regulators.

The club owners claimed that city regulators and cops frequently raid their establishments during peak hours of operation and have scared off customers.

Racial profiling and discrimination as a policy is doomed for failure as it retards the growth and prosperity of the American people and as voters, must demand from our elected officials a solution to end this insidious practice.

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Unethical Education practice

Dr Neva Speaks

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In 2012, a new Instructor that I worked with in Saudi Arabia joined the university. On the day of her arrival, other faculties noticed questionable behaviors. As the Coordinator of that department, I attempted to guide this new Instructor, which was rendered unsuccessful.

I was instructed by the Dean to compile all documentations of complaints made by students. Within that folder, there were strong supporting documentations which showed that this instructor was not capable of teaching.

At the beginning of the 2013 spring semester, I was ordered by the Dean to place her back on the schedule, even with her inability to teach. The reason given was that the classes needed to be covered.

This was said to me in a meeting therefore, I had no physical proof of what I was ordered to do. I went along with his request even though I knew that sooner or later the students would complain. One month in the semester, the students started to complain, causing this instructor to receive two more warning letters.

During a "third warning" meeting, this instructor accused the Academic Director and I of saying something inappropriate. The Academic Director submitted a formal complaint which was investigated by the Faculty Affairs Department.

The Faculty Affairs Department requested all records for this Instructor as evidence. Apparently, there was no record in Human Resource for this Instructor. The record for this instructor was in the Dean's office. I called the Dean's office and was told that I could only get a copy of what I put in the folder and not what the Dean placed in the folder. In fact the Dean had removed his documentation from the folder.

The case was investigated and the Dean was summoned to answer some questions in reference to how to proceed with this case.

The Dean apparently did not feel that the supporting documents submitted by the student counselor, the academic director, and the previous Associate Rector was strong supporting evidence to remove this Instructor from teaching. To my surprise and after five warning letters (only three was deemed acceptable by the Dean) she was still instructing classes.

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NEWS

Anti-bullying: Youth stand ready to march with their anti-bullying posters

Anti-Bullying/Anti-Gun Violence Parade and Fair

By Donna Lamb

Contributing Writer

Undeterred by the inclement weather, on Sunday (May 19) the Flatbush Seventh-Day Adventist Church's Flatbush Stars Pathfinder Club took to the streets for an Anti-Bullying/Anti-Gun Violence Parade and Fair.

Delroy Cooper, director of the church's Pathfinder Club, explained that they had expanded this, their second anti-bullying event, to include anti-gun violence because Vice President Joe Biden sent him a letter asking that they address this crucial problem as well.

Cooper, who hails from Jamaica, stated that this request resonated with him personally because last year he was held up at gunpoint. "A man came up to me on the street and said 'Give me your money' and I replied 'I have no money,'" he said. The only thing he had was a bag of natural herbs because he is an herbalist. "I don't know what happened," Cooper continued, "but the man put the gun back in his pocket and walked away." The experience was so terrifying Cooper couldn't believe it was happening.

To this day, just walking down the street he sometimes feels scared for no apparent reason.

As participants of all ages marched from the Flatbush Ave. Junction to the church at 261 E. 21st Street, several youths handed out United Federation of Teachers fliers and pamphlets to inform bystanders of the union's "Be Brave against Bullying initiative," which has a confidential anti-bullying hotline for students at -212-709-3222, Mon. - Fri. 2:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Cops Target African Americans and Latinos

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• Stops of white New Yorkers in the borough were more likely to reveal a weapon than stops of African-Americans or Latinos. The NYPD uncovered a weapon once in every 64 stops of white New Yorkers. By contrast, it took the Department 88 stops of African-Americans and 73 stops of Latinos to find a weapon.

• The likelihood a stop of a white resident in the borough yielded contraband was greater than that of African-American or Latino New Yorkers. The NYPD found contraband once for every 45 stops of white New Yorkers. By contrast, it took the Department 63 stops of African-Americans and 61 stops of Latinos to discover contraband.

"There's an ugly truth in these numbers. It's not just that minorities are more likely to be stopped—they're more likely to be stopped without cause," said Public Advocate Bill de Blasio. "We need to fix this broken system now. The safety of our neighborhoods and our police officers depends on rebuilding the bond between law enforcement and community."

"The Public Advocate's report confirms what we see representing clients every day in the Bronx," said Kate Rubin, Director of Policy at The Bronx Defenders. "Despite promised reforms a year ago, black and Latino New Yorkers--especially young people--are still stopped every day based on nothing more than the color of their skin or the neighborhood they hang out in. Every one of those stops widens the gap of trust between NYPD officers and the communities they are supposed to serve and protect."

De Blasio is pushing for both the creation of an Inspector General at the NYPD and legislation barring racial profiling in order to reform the stop-and-frisk practice. Both bills are currently pending in the City Council.

King seeks protection for autistic resident

BRONX:

Council Member Andy King is troubled to see the burn marks on the resident of the Leake & Watts Group Home whose family has filed a civil law suit for the abusive treatment of their 24 year old son.

The victim, who is severely autistic, was burned with third degree burns all over his body. Because of the young man's condition, he was not able to say who mistreated him. Leake & Watts Group Home dismissed the employees they believe are responsible.

The Bronx District Attorney's Office says they investigated the incident, but "could not meet the burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt because of the victim's mental condition."

ANDY KING

The Council Member has responded to the situation that allegedly occurred at a facility just blocks away from his district office. King has been actively involved with rallying support for children and adults with autism.

The Council Member participated in a recent rally on the steps of City Hall in support of autism awareness and expansion of the City Council's Autism Initiative.

The Council Autism Initiative provides social and recreational services to children as well as adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, along with educational and training services to their families.

King said "we cannot tolerate the abuse of those who are mentally challenged and cannot fend for themselves. We should consider not funding agencies that cannot provide the adequate care to those who rely on their services" My office will be on top of this case and will provide the support and services needed to make sure this specific issue is addressed and that we prevent any other occurrences here in the 12th district.

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NEWS

Judge Dismisses Indictment Ramarley Graham's Killer

By Frank Graham

Contributing Writer

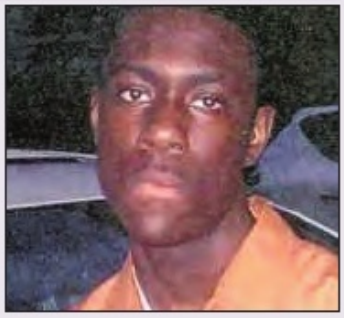
The family and community members of Ramarley Graham gathered at the Bronx Hall of Justice on May 15 to condemn Judge Steven Barrett's announcement to dismiss the indictment of NYPD Officer Richard Haste.

"If it means going back to the grand jury or if we have to ask the federal court to deal with this case; we are going to keep fighting no matter what," said Frank Graham, father of Ramarley Graham. "Where ever it leads us we will go there. We will never stop until justice is served in this case, until Richard Haste goes to prison for murdering our son. If we start over, we will start stronger!"

On February 2, 2012, narcotics officers followed Bronx resident Ramarley Graham home, broke down his door and killed him in his bathroom. Officer Richard Haste, who fired the bullets that killed Graham, claims he believed the 18-year-old had a gun, yet no gun was found at the scene.

A Bronx grand jury indicted Haste on two counts of manslaughter; the first indictment of an NYPD officer for killing a civilian since 2006. Last week, the judge presiding over the Haste case, Steven Barrett, announced he was considering overturning the indictment based on a technicality. The judge had concerns about the way the Bronx District Attorney's office instructed the grand jury.

NYPD Officer Richard Haste



Ramarley Graham killed by Haste

The case of Ramarley Graham is not an isolated incident. Over the past couple decades, dozens of police killings of New Yorkers have occurred at the hands of the NYPD. Prosecutions of these injustices have been inconsistent, often either never occurring or unsuccessful.

·In 2012, Noel Polanco was killed by Detective Hassan Hamdy in a case of road rage. A Bronx grand jury failed to indict the detective.

·In 2008, Iman Morales was killed when the NYPD shot him with a Taser gun while he was on the ledge of his apartment building in Brooklyn. The officer who fired the Taser was not only not indicted, he later received a promotion.

In 2006, Sean Bell was killed by police in Queens on the night before his wedding day in a hail of 50 police bullets. The officers responsible were acquitted in a case brought by the Queens District Attorney.

In 1999, Amadou Diallo was killed by the NYPD in a hail of 41 police bullets, simply for holding a wallet. The officers responsible were acquitted of all charges.

"I am angry and can not express my feelings alone," said Constance Malcolm, the mother of Ramarley Graham. "I am ready to take it to the streets and the highest of the highest. Please be prepared for a major protest."

Queens Investor Pleads Guilty to Fraud

By FBI News Reporters

The owner of an investment company pleaded guilty Thursday (May 23) for his role in an investment scheme involving false promises, according to a release from the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and the FBI's Washington Field Office.

David Eugene Howard II, 34, of Queens Village, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge T. S. Ellis III in the Eastern District of Virginia to one count of mail fraud.

According to the plea documents, from in or about March 2008 through in or about April 2009, Howard falsely represented to investors that his company, Flatiron Systems LLC, traded pooled equity accounts using a proprietary trading system called "Pathfinder." Through distributing false and misleading letters, operating agreements, account statements and other materials, he caused investors to send investments of at least $5,000, which were deposited into an account that he exclusively controlled and which he later misappropriated for his own benefit and the benefit of others.

Over the course of his scheme, Howard directly misappropriated approximately $373,000 of $1.8 million in investor funds.

Howard's misappropriation included approximately $86,000 in transfers to his personal bank account, cash withdrawals and personal expenditures made with his company debit card, to include approximately $34,500 in charges at a night club and approximately $3,600 in charges towards the purchase of a Tiffany necklace for Howard's girlfriend at the time.

According to court documents, in December 2008, Howard falsely informed investors that trading had been voluntarily halted so that an independent audit could be performed. Nonetheless, Howard continued to transfer approximately $26,500 in investor funds to his personal bank account, along with additional cash withdrawals and personal expenditures over the course of the following four months.

Howard followed up with another letter which falsely advised investors of prolonged audit and tax procedures, which his nonexistent attorneys and accountants were purportedly diligently working on.

At sentencing, Howard faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of $250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss, and full restitution.

Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 20, 2013.

CARIBBEAN NEWS

Biden signs trade pact with CARICOM

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) — US Vice President Joe Biden and political leaders from across the Caribbean met in the capital of resource-rich Trinidad & Tobago on Tuesday to sign a trade agreement and discuss a range of security, investment and energy issues.

After a more than three-hour session, Biden signed an agreement providing a framework for trade and investment between the US and the Caribbean Community, a group of 15 nations and territories that include Trinidad, Jamaica and the Bahamas.

At a news conference, Biden said he was aware that island nations face unique challenges and added that the US administration's goal is "not simply growth, but its growth that reaches everybody."

The leaders also discussed efforts to combat drug trafficking and other transnational crimes under a US programme launched in 2009 dubbed the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative. More than US$200 million in funding has been committed to it so far.

Biden also disclosed that Washington and Trinidad recently signed a memorandum on launching a renewable energy research center in the country for the whole Caribbean region.

UK drug dealer caught in Jamaica

Kingston, Jamaica WI:

A Gloucester drug dealer who fled to Jamaica after being sentenced to nine years in prison has been caught.

Cedric Greaves, 44, was arrested in 2007 in the UK as part of an operation targeting drug dealing during which crack cocaine worth more than fifty-thousand pounds sterling was seized.

Greaves was granted bail but failed to appear at Gloucester Crown Court and was sentenced to nine years in prison for conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and money laundering in his absence.

Although attempts to track him down were initially not successful, Gloucestershire police received information in November last year that he was in Jamaica and applied to the Westminster Magistrates Court for an extradition warrant. Greaves who was later arrested, waived his right to extradition.

He was brought back into Britain on Wednesday and taken before the Judge – who originally sentenced him more than five years ago.

He has been sentenced to serve the original nine-year sentence, plus six months for failing to appear in court, to run concurrently.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION: (l-r) Jamaica's Minister of Youth and Culture, Lisa Rene Hanna; Sabrina HoSang Chief Operating Officer, Caribbean Food Delights and Gary Williams, founder & chairman, COJO at the organisation's Child Month Benefit Raffle on Saturday, May 18 at a charity garden affair in Jamaica Estates.

France places Dominica on foreign aid blacklist

AFP: Dominica News Online:

Dominica has been placed on a blacklist of 17 countries judged by France to be uncooperative in investigating foreign aid fraud.

French officials said on Monday that Dominican banks and those from other countries on the list will be banned from distributing development funds from France, according to a report in Agence France Press (AFP).

They say the move is justified because there is a lack of transparency in Dominica and the other nations on the list. They also pointed out that poor and developing nations are the main victims of fraud.

The blacklist expands on an already-established register of eight "non-cooperative states and territories" that already includes Botswana, Brunei, Nauru, Guatemala and the Philippines.

Switzerland, Lebanon, Panama, Costa Rica, the United Arab Emirates, Dominica, Liberia, Trinidad and Tobago, and Vanuatu were added to the list on Monday.

French officials say they hope pressure will be placed on the countries on the list to be more transparent. "The aim is primarily preventative, to put pressure on these countries by publicising this list to progress towards more transparency," they said.

Aides to development minister, Pascal Canfin, did not say how much French foreign aid currently transits via banks in Dominica or any of the countries featured on the new blacklist.

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GraceKennedy looks to Africa

Kingston, Jamaica WI:

GraceKennedy says it may have to explore setting up manufacturing facilities in Africa to produce products it wants to sell there because of the cost of producing it locally.

Don Wehby, GraceKennedy's CEO says the cost of electricity in Jamaica presents a challenge to the company's expansion plans in Africa as it is hard to compete with companies there which produce similar products, but with lower electricity costs in their countries.

The company in recent times has set sights on expanding in Africa with the Ghanaian market the prime target.

Meanwhile, GraceKennedy has appointed Steven Whittingham, as the new president of its First Global Financial Services subsidiary.

Whittingham has the task of leading the development of the company in the next few years. He comes to the company having served as the Managing Director of The Antilles Group formerly Cool Petroleum and starting the Island Ice and Beverage company.

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LEGAL ISSUES

Wal-Mart Pleads Guilty to Environmental Crimes

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. pleaded guilty on Monday in cases filed by federal prosecutors in Los Angeles and San Francisco to six counts of violating the Clean Water Act by illegally handling and disposing of hazardous materials at its retail stores across the United States.

The Bentonville, Ark.-based company also pleaded guilty today in Kansas City, Mo., to violating the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) by failing to properly handle pesticides that had been returned by customers at its stores across the country.

As a result of the three criminal cases brought by the Justice Department, as well as a related civil case filed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Wal-Mart will pay approximately $81.6 million for its unlawful conduct. Coupled with previous actions brought by the states of California and Missouri for the same conduct, Wal-Mart will pay a combined total of more than $110 million to resolve cases alleging violations of federal and state environmental laws. According to documents filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, from a date unknown until January 2006, Wal-Mart did not have a program in place and failed to train its employees on proper hazardous waste management and disposal practices at the store level. As a result, hazardous wastes were either discarded improperly at the store level – including being put into municipal trash bins or, if a liquid, poured into the local sewer system – or they were improperly transported without proper safety documentation to one of six product return centers located throughout the United States.

"By improperly handling hazardous waste, pesticides and other materials in violation of federal laws, Wal-Mart put the public and the environment at risk and gained an unfair economic advantage over other companies," said Ignacia S. Moreno, Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division. "Today, Wal-Mart acknowledged responsibility for violations of federal laws and will pay significant fines and penalties, which will, in part, fund important environmental projects in the communities impacted by the violations and help prevent future harm to the environment."

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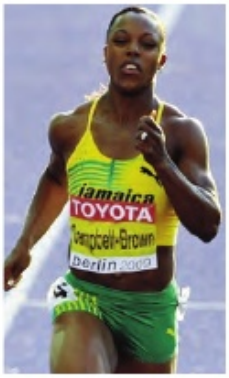

Campbell-Brown

Gay

Weir

Campbell-Brown, Gay, Weir win at Adidas Grand Prix

NEW YORK (Sporting Excellence) -- During the IAAF Diamond League Grand Prix competition on Randall's Island, NYC on Saturday (May 25), Jamaica's 2004 and 2008 Olympic gold medallist Veronica Campbell-Brown won the women's 200m in a seasonal best of 22.53 seconds (-1.4 m/s), holding off the fast finishing Anneisha McLaughlin (JAM), who ran 22.63 for a season's best as well.

USA's Shalonda Solomon was third in 22.91 and another Jamaican, Sherone Simpson was fourth in 22.83.

The men's event went to Jamaica's Olympic bronze medallist Warren Weir, who cruised home in a season's best of 20.11 secs after separating from the field coming off the corner.

American Tyson Gay, who has been in good form so far this season, won the men's 100 metres, easing down in the closing metres to take first in 10.02 (-0.8 m/s) seconds.

Fellow Jamaican Nesta Carter won his heat in 10.30.

Second in the final went to American Ryan Bailey in 10.15, with Trinidad and Tobago's Keston Bledman getting third in 10.16. Jamaica's Olympic relay gold medallist Nesta Carter was fourth in 10.29, but his fellow countrymen Nickel Ashmeade, who won his heat and Kemar Bailey Cole finished further down.

Jamaica's Aleen Bailey ran 11.37 to win the women's 100m race, edging out Mikele Barber, who crossed in 11.39

Tinsley Over Culson and Dutch; Brathwaite Takes Short Barrier. Michael Tinsley chased down Olympic bronze medallist Javier Culson to win the men's 400m hurdles in season's best of 48.43 seconds.

Trailing Culson and fellow American Johnny Dutch with two flights of hurdles to go, Tinsley powered between them to take the event.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

Reggae Boyz Faces Challenges

Kingston, Jamaica:

With Jamaica facing an injury crisis ahead of three quickfire and critical CONCACAF World Cup qualifiers against Mexico (June 4), the USA (June 7) and Honduras (June 11), the need to strengthen its player pool has taken on added significance.

Head coach Theodore 'Tappa' Whitmore told ***Jamaica Observer*** that he had isolated a number of British-born players, in particular, and have now brought three of them into their scope.

Jamaica's national senior team coaches say the search for players based home and abroad to shore up its ranks in the bid for World Cup qualification remains a vigorous activity of the technical programme.

Though it's unlikely that any of them will be available for the three upcoming matches, the coaching staff continues its pursuit of defenders with the Reading pair of Michael Hector and Shaun Cumminngs.

Also, Birmingham City midfielder Ravel Morrison is on the radar of the Jamaica Football Federation. With defenders Nyron Nosworthy, Jermaine Taylor and Demar Phillips and forward Dane Richards out injured for the next flurry of CONCACAF World Cup qualifying matches, a possible frailty in the squad's ability to have high-quality replacements in an emergency was highlighted.

Jamaica currently sit at the bottom of the CONCACAF Hexagonal with only two points from three matches, just three points adrift of leaders Panama with five.

Theodore 'Tappa' Whitmore
Head coach- Reggae Boyz

West Indies can repeat 2004 performance

CARDIFF, Wales -- Ramaresh Sarwan played a key role when the West Indies won their only ICC Champions Trophy back in 2004. The stylish right-hander was Player of the Series with some outstanding batting performances at the top of the order when the Windies stunned the world to win the trophy.

Sarwan joined the Windies camp on Monday, after spending a month with Leicestershire in the English County circuit, and he is focused and full of confidence as he prepares for the upcoming eight-team ICC Champions Trophy 2013, which will be played from June 6-23.

Welterweight Sakima Mullings debuts on the WBC's chart

Jamaican welterweight Sakima Mullings has debuted at number 28 on the World Boxing Council's latest world ranking charts.

Mullings won the WBC/Caribbean Boxing Federation title in April on a majority decision over Guyana's Howard Eastman.

U.K based Jamaican Ovill Mckenzie, and Commonwealth title holder is also ranked at 24th in the light heavyweight category.

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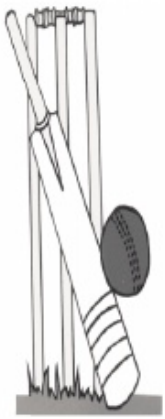

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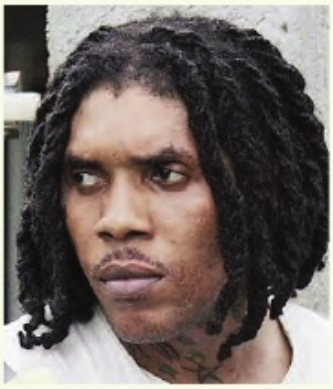

VYBZ KARTEL CASE

Witness cannot be located

Kingston, Jamaica WI:

Government prosecutors say they will have to go by way of a paper trial in one of the two murder cases against dancehall entertainer Adijah Palmer who is better known as Vybz Kartel.

Kartel along with Lenburgh McDonald and Nigel Thompson are accused of the murder of Barrington Burton otherwise call "Bossie".

However, when the matter came up for mention on Monday, prosecutors disclosed that they are experiencing difficulty in the matter, as the main witness cannot be located.

As a result, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) says it will be proceeding under Section 31 (D) of the Evidence Act.

This means, the Prosecution intends to use the statement of the witness to try the entertainer and the other accused. The trial is set for June 10.

Meanwhile, Kartel and five other men accused of the murder of Clive Williams are to stand trial on November 18.

The trial date was finally set on Monday when Kartel and the other accused appeared before the Home Circuit Court.

Investigators say Williams was taken to a house in Kingston where he was beaten to death over a gun. The cops say they seized a cellular telephone which was used to record the incident.

Screening for 'Better Mus' Come

By popular demand, Coalition to Preserve Reggae Music (CPR) presents a repeat screening of Storm Saulter's award winning film, Better Mus' Come, at Pulse 48, 1020 E. 48th Street in Brooklyn on Friday, May 31 at 8pm. Admission is $10. Proceeds benefit the Coalition to Preserve Reggae Music, a 501(c)(3) organization. Buy tickets online at www.cprreggae.org or call 718 421 6927.

Toots Cancels Tour

Courtesy of Jamaica observer
Kingston, Jamaica WI

WITH five shows to complete his American acoustic tour, frontman Toots Hibbert and his Maytals band have postponed the remaining concerts.

The 68-year-old entertainer is arriving in the island today to seek additional medical treatment after being struck on the forehead by a bottle thrown by a drunken fan two Saturdays ago while he was performing at the Dominion Riverrock Festival in Virginia.

Dates affected are: Stone Mountain Arts Centre in Maine on May 27; the Rams Head On Stage Annapolis, Maryland on May 29; The State Theatre in Ithaca in New York on May 30; South Orange Performing Arts Centre in New Jersey on May 31; and Infinity Hall in Connecticut on June 1.

The tour began on May 20 in Annapolis, Maryland.

Andrea Davis, publicist for Toots and the Maytals, said the artiste would be undergoing several tests. "Toots regrets having to disappoint any of his fans but this is a serious head injury. He returns home to attend to his medical issues. In that, Toots is still undergoing tests and treatment. No definite date for the continuation of touring can be determined as of today," Davis said in a release.

She said the tour would resume once the singer was given the green light from his doctors.

TOOTS HIBBERT
Struck on the forehead by a bottle thrown by a drunken fan at the Dominion Riverrock Festival, Virginia

Hibbert had previously received several stitches at the VCU Medical Centre in the United States after the incident while the drunken fan was arrested and charged by police.

Toots and The Maytals are known for classic songs such as 54-46, Monkey Man and Bam Bam. They have been one of the top touring reggae acts for over a decade.

The group won a Grammy Award for Best Reggae Album in 2005 with True Love.

Empress Divine

Empress Divine *-the Breakthrough Artist of the Year*

In light of the violence that is happening around the world Empress Divine expresses herself thru music and questions the murderer lyrically as to why another has to die.

"Brap Brap another youth get shot, wha yuh a defend? what is the reason fi dat?..Brap Brap another youth get shot, wha yuh a defend? Cause we nuh want no more a dat....No more a dat!"

Loving this latest release, Empress Divine's fans have kept her charting for 25 weeks on the Canadian Reggae Charts with the last 8 weeks consecutively at #1. Now vaulted as a "HIT" and receiving worldwide circulation this track is bound to have her name recognized in a number of international media outlets.

In April of this year Empress Divine received "Breakthrough Artist of the Year" award presented to her at the 7th Annual Community Appreciation Awards held by Sandra Bashment. Her performance that evening was well received and included the participation of her fans, friends and even radio deejays singing along with her very catchy chorus.

When asked about Empress Divine's "HIT" tune, Scabba G from Morning Ride on CIUT 89.5 FM replied smiling..."Words of inspiration for today's generation...BRAP BRAP..You can't flap that!"

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June 1, is clean up Day for Wingate

The Friends of Wingate as of June 1, "It's My Park Day" clean up event. The organisers look forward to another successful and fun day for the community to work together for the greater good. . The mission is to beautify Wingate Park, keep a clean and safe park for the community.

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Georgia Appoints Jamaican Broadcaster as 'Lieutenant Colonel'

By John Arscott
Atlanta, GA:

Jamaican born, The Honorable Pat Baccas-Bowen, founder, CEO, Producer and host of Atlanta based Future Movement Radio (FMR) has made her community and country proud with her recent appointment as 'Lieutenant Colonel' by the Governor of Georgia, the Hon. Nathan Deal. She is the first Jamaican in the State of Georgia to be so honored.

The presentation was made to Baccas-Bowen for her superb work in broadcasting and her efforts to advance the Caribbean-American agenda in Georgia.

"It is my great pleasure to recognize your contributions to the people of Georgia." Governor Deal said in a letter to Baccas-Bowen. "On behalf of a grateful state, I thank you for the example you have set. Your skills as a radio program host have played a unique role in the advancement of the Jamaican-American community in Georgia.

Since moving to Atlanta, you have remained a dedicated host, offering a wealth of information, news and music to the growing population, as well as a source for intercultural education.

I appreciate the many contributions you have made to our state and recognize your promotion of humanitarian efforts and aid to your fellow citizens and those abroad. I join your peers, the Lieutenant Governor and others around the state in recognizing your record of service and extend my best wishes for continued success."

In photo (l-r) Senator Steve Hanson, The Honorable Pat Baccas-Bowen, Governor Nathan Deal and State Representative Billy Mitchell.

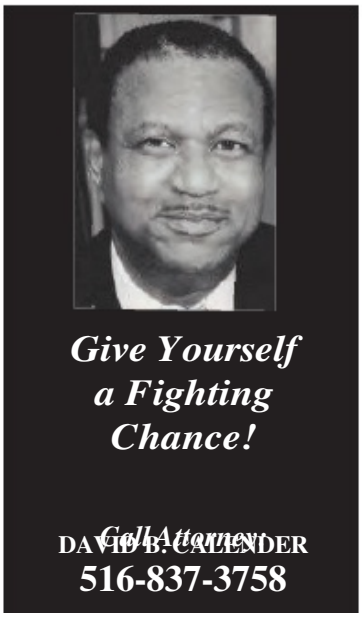
Baccas, who grew up in Westmoreland, Jamaica has had an impressive career, marked with many significant achievements. Since migrating to the USA more than two decades ago, she has been a leader, a trailblazer, a motivator and a model of inspiration for Caribbean nationals in the USA. For nearly a decade, she owned and operated a successful business in Queens, New York before she moved south to Atlanta to launch Future Movement Radio (FMR) on 1010 AM, WGUN.

Today FMR can be heard daily on 1420 AM WATB, 1430 AM WGFS as well as http://futuremovementradio.net and http://watb1420.com.

It is the loudest voice to thousands of Caribbean nationals in Atlanta, supporting corporate clients like Grace Foods International, Tower Isles Jamaican Style Patties, Jamaica National, Digicel and Lime International Telecommunication, True Juice, Western Union, Royal Caribbean Bakery, Money Gram and Xoom.com. Baccas-Bowen thanks especially Tower Isles Jamaican Style Patties and Grace Products for their continued support.

Baccas is a very a proud Jamaican but is very community focused. She was instrumental in creating and implementing a media awareness campaign for US Census in 2010 which encouraged Caribbean and South American nationals in the state to be counted. Her proudest moment was three years ago when Port-au-Prince, Haiti was devastated by earthquake, Pat quickly mobilized support for those most affected, using her radio program to solicit community support and donations for organizations like the Red Cross, CARE and Food For The Hungry. She also partnered with the World Chamber of Commerce to fly aid into Haiti.

"Future Movement radio is not just about music. We provide important information for the community that is pertinent our lives. We also have vibrant and positive discussions about the issues that affect us daily. Every day we also keep listeners rooted in their rich culture and heritage and empower them with information they need to thrive in today's world" she noted.



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Andrew Holness raps with Trelawnyites at Sherwood Island State Park, Westport, CT.

(l-r) Andrew Holness, Michael A. Wattkis President, FOTA and Tomin Anderson, vice-president, FOTA

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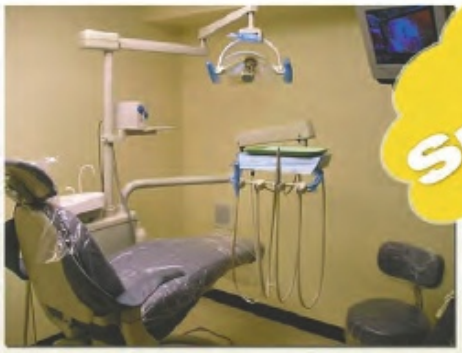

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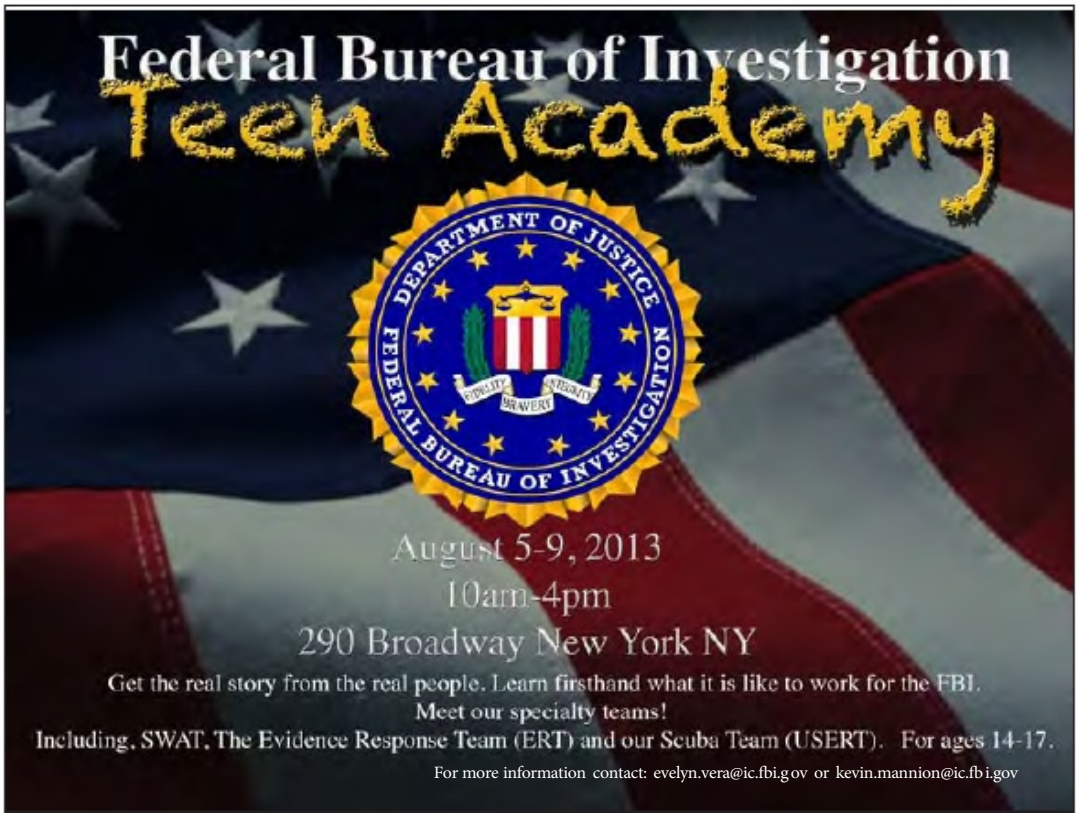

BEAUTY CARE

Summer Beauty Tips

Summer has kicked off and the change in weather means a change in beauty routines.

Go waterproof: Nothing is more budge, crease and smudge-proof than something that is also waterproof or water resistant. You might not be swimming, but the sweat and humidity can take a toll on things like eyeliner and mascara.

Powder, powder, powder: Whenever you apply a cream or liquid product, make sure you set it with powder. I find this is true of my routine year-round but even more so during the warmer months. Keeping a pressed powder compact in your bag is an excellent way to freshen up your face after being outside, too.

Less is more: When it's just sweltering out, you might just want to wear less makeup. Get creative with the "minimal" look to get you through the hottest days.

Consider cream/gel blushes: These kinds of blushes tend to last longer. Blushes that are designed to stain will last longer than your average powder blush, because the sweat won't break it down as easily.

Apply in layers for all-day wear: For occasions that you want to wear a full face of makeup, remember to layer. For face, wear a primer, followed by your foundation, and if it's liquid/cream, set with powder. For lips, use a lip liner and apply lipstick with a brush and top with gloss if desired. For eyes, do mascara last and allow foundation to fully set before applying.

Find a good sunscreen that works under makeup: Ideally, you want a sunscreen with a matte or semi-matte finish. You don't want anything greasy or that takes forever to absorb. It's also important to give it enough time to sink in before applying any base makeup to ensure the makeup sits on the skin well.

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ADVICE COLUMN BY DIVINE DIVA

How do I change by barber?

Dear Divine Diva:
I have had the same barber for several years and he is a good friend. While he was on vacation, I used another barber in the shop for a cut. I really like how he cut my hair. How can I change barbers without causing hurt feelings? -- Lookin' Good

Dear Lookin' Good:
Barbers are human like everyone else. If you announce that you want to make a change, there probably will be hurt feelings. The question you must ask yourself is, is your relationship with your barber/friend such a close one that you're willing to tolerate continuing to patronize him even though you think someone else can do a better job. (Now that's friendship!)
-Always Divine Diva

Is He Serious or Not

Dating is among the most nerve-wrenching experiences we encounter because of uncertainty. Your date goes extraordinarily well; you had a great conversation and found common ground. He showed physical interest and even called you the next day. However, does he want a relationship or a casual dating experience? Here are the signs that will let you know that he wants a relationship.

He Wants to See You: The biggest determinant to tell if he is interested in you is if he wants to see you on a regular basis. When guys want to pursue a serious relationship we call, text and change our schedule in order to see you.

His Texts are Meaningful: If he is pursuing a serious relationship, he will try to get to know you personally through his texts, rather than ambiguous texts that have no meaning behind them. Pay attention to his writing style and spelling. If he is interested, he will take his time to use proper grammar and spelling.

His Physical Advances are Tailored to Your Speed: Let's face it; sex is a huge part of most relationships. However, when a guy is truly interested in someone serious he will give you your boundaries and respect them. The difference between a casual relationship and a serious relationship is the long-term objective. If things do get physical, he will make sure that you are comfortable and ask you if things are moving too fast. Although sex does strengthen a relationship, it can also complicate relationships that are just starting out.

He Tells You What He Wants: Anyone pursuing a serious relationship can get nervous when asking the person they are pursuing if they are looking for the same thing. Guys who are looking for a serious relationship are typically upfront about what they want. If he is not, do not be afraid to ask if he is looking for something long-term. If he is looking for the same thing, he will be flattered that you asked and it will ease the mood.

Your Time Together is Meaningful: Whether you are on a date or staying in for dinner, he will attempt to make every time he sees you meaningful if he is looking for something serious. Guys know how rare it is to meet someone that is long-term relationship quality; therefore, if he is pursuing you, he will put all the effort he can into impressing you. Source: www.lovepanky.com

Unhappy couple can't agree on best way to break up

Dear Divine:
My wife of 10 years, "Michelle," and I argue constantly. We can't seem to agree on anything, have few common interests and don't enjoy our time together. Our love life is nonexistent. We have gone to three marriage counselors and it hasn't helped. We now "get along" by avoiding each other.

I think it's time we faced the fact that we're never going to be happy together. When I bring this up with Michelle, she gets angry and launches into the same old rage, saying if I want a divorce I'll have to get a lawyer.

Divorce will be difficult and costly enough without having to drag lawyers into it. I'd like us to agree that it's time to split and use a mediator to work out the details. It will save us a lot of money and, hopefully, make the divorce less acrimonious.
I don't understand why Michelle wants to stay together when she's so unhappy and we're unable to make things better. How can I make her see that separating -- in as kind a way as possible -- will be best for us and the kids included? --David, Mt.Vernon

Dear "David:
Your wife may prefer the evils she's living with to the unknown of being a divorcee with children. However, when a marriage is over -- it's over. And when it reaches the stage that yours has, what both parties need to be most concerned about is preservation of assets, so they aren't dissipated in attorney's fees.

I have seen both kinds of divorces -- one in which the warring spouses spent so much money in litigation there was little left for each of them when it was over; and the other, in which the couple agreed their marriage was broken beyond repair and arranged their divorce with as little cost as possible. I don't have to tell you which people are doing well now. So clip this and share it with your wife.-Always Divine Diva

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ARIES (Mar. 21 – Apr. 19): You may be eager to resolve a relationship issue, but the discussion might not go as smoothly as you wish. Hiding your emotions isn't a smart strategy in the long run. Your good intentions won't be enough. You must also be willing to compromise in order to get what you want.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 – May 20): No matter how confident you feel, there still are pragmatic reasons why it's not smart to charge ahead and just take what you want. You are willing to wait, and your patience serves you well. Acting in a forceful manner only complicates things, while taking small, deliberate steps now increases the chances of reaching your desired destination.

GEMINI (May 21–Jun. 20): Maintaining a positive attitude is crucial, especially if someone misinterprets your behavior. Thankfully, it grows easier throughout the day to say what needs to be said, but you still might not overcome the resistance without an open conflict. Don't back down, even if you need to stand up to another person's power trip.

CANCER (Jun. 21 – Jul. 22): You may be feeling some ambiguity about socializing with close friends or family members. You look forward to relaxing and catching up with everyone, yet you can't help but worry that others might pressure you into taking sides in an ongoing conflict.

LEO (Jul. 23 – Aug. 22): You have to make some difficult choices so you might as well start doing your research now. Unfortunately, your goals could be overly ambitious. Simply let the day unfold with as few commitments as possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22): You know exactly what you must do to successfully achieve your goal now, but you might actually prefer to be doing something totally different. Your internal struggle over an apparently unsolvable dilemma can be quite intense. Remember that your happiness is not dependent on any one event or any one person, but rather on how you respond to life's twists and turns.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 – Oct.22): Don't give in to someone else's pressure to choose one answer over another unless it's quite clear to you. Your ambivalence may annoy others, but it's also your greatest strength.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21): You're tired of the same old issues popping up again and again, even though you already processed them and moved on. Thankfully, you can tell that others are really trying to change and grow, but everything might not be unfolding fast enough to your liking now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 – Dec.21): You may be known for your charming social ways, but you have to practice self-restraint now or your exuberant style could offend someone important. But rather than completely withdrawing, try toning your enthusiasm down just a touch. .

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19): Someone may send you mixed signals, requesting your help and then suddenly asking you to back off. You might not have a clear preference about what comes next, but you're dissatisfied with the uncertainty that comes along with a change of plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18): You're standing at the edge of a major breakthrough, but you may be juggling too many tasks to successfully follow up on any one of them. Thankfully, your routine work assignments won't stop you from pursuing a more intriguing adventure.

PISCES (Feb. 19 – Mar. 20): Your subconscious mind is sending you powerful messages now, yet they may stem from old fears rather than current events. The more time you put into analyzing your memories, the more intense your feelings become.

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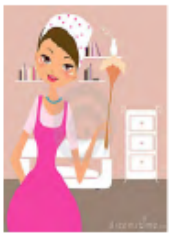

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Mosthoney bought at the supermarket isn't real honey

(NaturalNews)

Large scale tests on US supermarket honey now reveal that roughly 75 percent of honey on the market isn't even real. According to investigation by Food Safety News, today's mass produced honey is often times void of real pollen, artificially processed and laundered from China. Honey manufacturing experts and the World Health Organization agree that real honey must contain true microscopic particles of pollen, to be considered real, with an identifiable source. Honey void of pollen is an artificial, nutrition-void, watered-down scam.

Watered down, heated, pressurized honey not real at all

Much of the honey hitting supermarket shelves is derived from an ultra filtering procedure that heats honey to high temperatures, forcing the natural substance at high pressure through extremely small filters to remove pollen. In this way, manufacturers conceal the identity of the source of the honey, which is a technique used by the Chinese, who have illegally dumped tons of their honey on the U.S. market for years. The Chinese are responsible for dumping dangerous antibiotics, artificial sweeteners, and leeching copious amounts of heavy metals into imported honey products.

The Food Safety News investigation

After hearing about US grocery stores being flooded with unidentified honey, Food Safety News began an investigation into several outlets that sold foreign honey. They purchased 60 different containers of honey from 10 different states, buying from a wide range of supermarkets.

They then sent the honey samples to premier melissopalynologist and professor at Texas A&M University, Vaughn Bryant. What he found was that roughly three fourths of the honey contained no pollen, making it unidentifiable and unsafe. Of that average, he found that:

- 100 percent of Winnie the Pooh sold in Walmart stores had all pollen removed.
- 100 percent of honey from individual packets from KFC and McDonald's had all pollen removed.
- 77 percent of honey from big box stores like Costco, Sam's Club, and Target had no traced of pollen.
- 100 percent of honey from drugstores like Walgreen's and CVS Pharmacy had all the pollen filtered out.
- He did find out, however, that honey purchased from co-ops, farmers markets and stores like Trader Joes contained the full amount of original pollen.

Ultra filtering of pollen has to do with concealing honey's true source

Mark Jensen, president of the American Honey Producers Association, says that removing all pollen from honey "makes no sense." He continues, "I don't know of any US producer that would want to do that. Elimination of all pollen can only be achieved by ultra-filtering and this filtration process does nothing but cost money and diminish the quality of the honey."

Jensen added that pollen-void honey is most likely Chinese honey that has entered the country illegally and not inspected.

Richard Adee, who produces 7 million pounds of honey each year from multiple states, explains that real honey is valued for its flavor and nutritional value and that this "is what's being removed during the ultra filtration process."

FOOD TIPS

Remember, foods are not good or bad. Select foods based on your total eating patterns, not whether any individual food is "good" or "bad." Don't feel guilty if you love foods such as apple pie, potato chips, candy bars or ice cream. Eat them in moderation, and choose other foods to provide the balance and variety that are vital to good health.

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Down payment grants for NYC homebuyers

Wells Fargo, the nation's largest home mortgage lender, on May 7, announced that the company's New York-New Jersey CityLIFTSM program will be available in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Newark, and Jersey City on June 7 & 8. The CityLIFTSM program is a collaboration between Wells Fargo Bank N.A., the Bronx, Brooklyn, Newark and Jersey City officials, and NeighborWorks America, a national non-profit organization which creates opportunities for people to live in affordable homes and improve their lives.

Prospective homebuyers can register at **www.wellsfargo.com/citylift 1-866-802-0456.**

Tips to Protect Consumers Scams

The Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman recently released a guide listing some of the most common summer frauds targeting the state, and offered tips to protect New Yorkers from abuse.

The Drive-Bys

"I'm painting a house (or a barn or a garage) in the neighborhood. I am paving a driveway (or patching a roof) around the corner. I have material left over and can do yours for next to nothing."

Too often this kind of offer results in a watered down stain instead of paint, inferior shingles on half the roof, and a thin smear of blacktop on the driveway. These scammers typically demand a payment upfront and, if they actually finish the job, it probably won't last through the next rainstorm. Their guarantee? Good luck finding them.

"I was passing by and noticed you had some branches down…your trees really need a trim."

Frequently, the branches are down because the scammer broke them off. If hired, they do work on "unexpected problems" that run up exorbitant charges. Too often, the scammers threaten consumers if the extra charges are disputed, and sometimes follow the owners to the bank for cash payments.

Weatherproofing Scams: $15,000 Solutions to $150 Problems.

"Free Basement Inspections!" When a community has been hit by a series of rainstorms, you can bet the offers for "free basement inspections" will start rolling in. The answer? It's usually an expensive pump or excavating the foundation to waterproof, when the problem was really clogged gutters or a drain blocked by root growth.

"Free Chimney Inspections!"

Same thing. This money saving coupon will usually result in a recommendation for a new chimney or a "cleaning" that involves the sweep spreading soot around to make it look as though the work was done.

Tips To Protect Yourself

· Be suspicious of any unsolicited offer to work on your home. Taking the time to do some research now could save you time and money in the long run.

·Checkout the contractor with the local Better Business Bureau.

·Get references, particularly about jobs completed a while back.

·Use local companies whose addresses you can verify.

·Get more than one written estimate that includes details about the materials to be used.

·Check with your town or city to see if permits are required. Don't let a contractor work without the necessary permits.

·Don't assume the lowest estimate is the best deal. Check the quality of the materials.

·Be clear that you won't pay for any work not included in the estimate, unless it's agreed upon in writing.

·Always be sure the contractor has valid insurance.

·Check with your local Department of Consumer Affairs to see if the contractor is licensed. Licenses are required in New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland counties, as well as in the City of Buffalo.

Always report a scam to local law enforcement and the Attorney General's Office.

VACATION SCAMS

Whether it's to escape the heat of summer or the chill of winter, everyone considers finding a good deal on a vacation a big win. Except when the good deal isn't so good. As consumers search the internet looking for a good price on a dream vacation, scammers are trolling for victims to make a quick buck.

Here are some common vacation scams, and what you can do to make sure you're not caught in the net.

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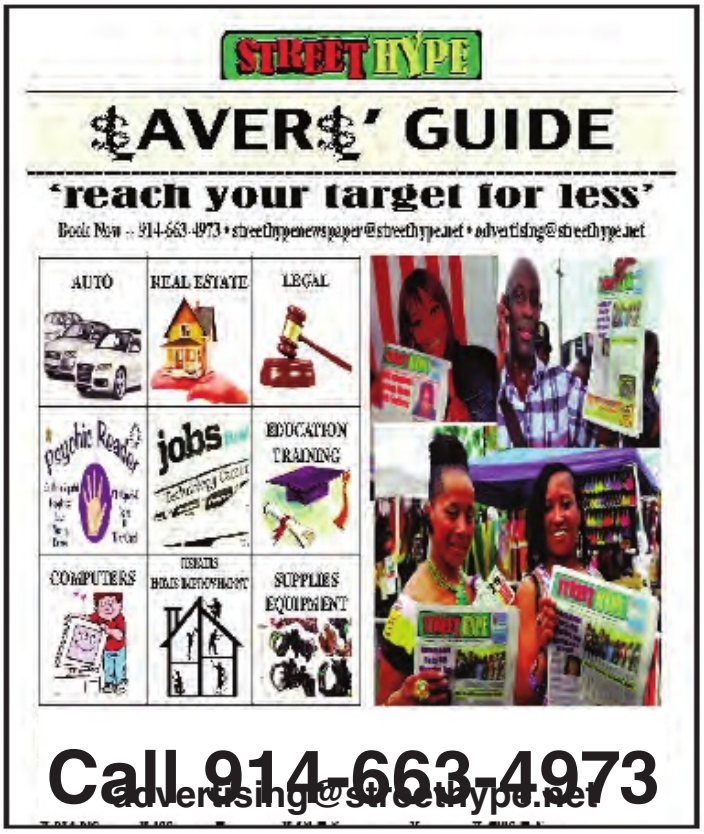

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COJO BENEFIT RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED:

An elated Dona Morales (c) is all smiles after being selected the grand prize winner of COJO's Child Month Benefit Raffle on Saturday, May 18 at a charity garden affair in Jamaica Estates. Morales, the sister of event host Vilma Daley (2nd r), will receive a 8-day/7-night all-inclusive stay for two at any Sandals Resort in Jamaica plus round trip tickets on JetBlue Airways. Second prize was awarded to Sydneyarthur Brown, who won a 7-day/6-night all-inclusive stay for two at Grand Palladium Hotel Resort & Spa plus a pair of roundtrip tickets on JetBlue while Hugo Polanco won the third prize of a 4-day/3-night all-inclusive stay for two at any Sandals Resort of their choice plus a pair of tickets on JetBlue. COJO raised over $16,000 from this year's raffle. A number of officials from Jamaican companies and community organizations were on hand to support the New York based non-profit. Also in photo (l-r) Patricia Chin, co-founder, VP Records; Gary Williams, founder & chairman, COJO; Dona Morales, Vilma Daley, Sabrina Hosang, COO, Caribbean Food Delights and Robert DeSouza, COJO executive and managing director, Transcontinental Express Shippers (in background).

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At a recently held album release concert, a merchant approached Pastor Dennis to pay tribute for his mother at the memorial service to be held in July in Florida. She is supported by many friends and well-wishes but greatest of all is her husband and children.

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